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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR NASA AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF
GEOS-III

1. NASA LAUNCHED GEODYNAMICS EXPERIMENTAL OCEAN SATELLITE (GEOS-III) APRIL 9 TO DEMONSTRATE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING ALTIMETRY TO MAP GEOMETRY OF SEA AND ICE SURFACES AND WAVE HEIGHT.
2. TO ACQUIRE SEA SURFACE QUOTE TRUTH UNQUOTE INFORMATION FOR CALIBRATION OF SATELLITE-BORNE RADAR ALTIMETER NASA PLANS TO STAGE AIRCRAFT FROM BERMUDA DURING TIMES OF PREDICTED HIGH SEA STATES.
3. AIRCRAFT IS NASA OWNED C-54, RADIO CALL NASA 427 AIRCRAFT OPERATED FOR NASA BY LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT SERVICE CO.
4. AIRCRAFT CARRIES NANOSECOND RADAR, LASER, PROFILOMETER AND RADIOMETERS. ALL MEASUREMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN COORDINATION WITH SATELLITE PASSES OVERHEAD. NO REPEAT NO INSTRUMENTATION TO BE OPERATED OVER

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LAND.

5. MISSIONS TO BE CONDUCTED DURING PERIOD MAY 14-20
DEPENDING ON WEATHER CONDITIONS. EXACT LOCATION OF STAGING

AIRPORT DEPENDENT ON LOCATION HIGH WAVES AS MEASUREMENTS
WILL BE TAKEN ON SHORT NOTICE BASIS.

6. ACCOMPANYING AIRCRAFT WILL BE NASA AND LOCKHEED
PERSONNEL TOTALLING 13, ALL U.S. CITIZENS, AND EXPERI-
MENTERS FROM COMPUTER SCIENCE CORP., NRL, NAVOCEANO
AND NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

7. PILOT WILL FILE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY NOTIFY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND
OBTAIN ANY NECESSARY CLEARANCES FOR STAGING PERIOD
MAY 17 PLUS OF MINUS 72 HOURS, AND ADVISE. KISSINGER

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